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First team All-State selection . . . Also earned All-Region honors . . . First team All-District and County Player of the Year selection . . . Was the Central Ohio scoring leader with 29 touchdowns . . . High school teammate of fellow signee Jesse Kontras . . . Helped the Pioneers to the state playoffs for four straight years and the Division IV Regional Finals in 2004 . . . Carried 20 times for 195 yards and four touchdowns in a regional semifinal win over Reading . . . Rushed for 98 yards including a 62-yard jaunt in the regional championship game . . . First team All-District and Division IV All-State in 2005 . . . Earned All Central District Honorable Mention in 2004 . . . Played for coach Barry Blackstone . . . Finished fifth in the state in 2005 in the 110 hurdles with a 14.76 clocking . . . Also finished seventh in the state in the 300 meter hurdles in 39.82 . . . Played quarterback as a sophomore . . . Named to the 2005 Academic All-Ohio Division II Track and Field team . . . Also a four-year letterwinner in basketball . . . Member of the National Honor Society . . . Father played football at Youngstown State.

Paul Miller LB 6-1 200 Evans, GA (Lakeside HS)

Three-year varsity starter at Lakeside High . . . Served as defensive captain as both a junior and senior . . . Named the squad's defensive MVP as a senior . . . Led the team in tackles each of his last two years . . . Totaled 174 tackles including 61 solos, 39 for loss, 12 sacks, six forced fumbles and three recovered fumbles . . . Totaled 97 tackles with 19 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a senior . . . Named first team All-County as a junior and senior . . . Was also a Super 9 pick . . . Earned honorable mention all-area as a junior and second-team all-area as a senior . . . Received the Coaches Award as a sophomore and junior for his hustle and determination . . . Also was the MVP of his freshman baseball team and the starting catcher as a senior.

Johnson Richardson TE 6-2.5 217 Charlotte, NC (Providence Day)

A three-year starter for Providence Day School in Charlotte . . . Also saw action as a long-snapper . . . Team captain in 2005 . . . Earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state . . . Recorded 40 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 10 tackles for loss along with one interception . . . Played in the All-Star Shrine Classic . . . Played for Coach Keith Flynn . . . The Chargers were second in the state in 2005 . . . Invited to play in the "Down Under Bowl" . . . Three-year letterman in football and lacrosse . . . Nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman . . . Member of the Honor Roll . . . Grandson of former Wofford wide receiver and Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson . . . Father was a wide receiver at North Carolina.

Brian Whitehurst RB 5-8 155 Fort Meade, FL (Worcester, MA Academy)

Named first team All-State at linebacker in 2004 by the Florida Sports Writers Association . . . Helped lead Fort Meade HS to the 2004 Florida Class 1A State Championship . . . Also competed in the state weightlifting championships . . . Led the Miners to their fourth state title game in five seasons . . . Caught a 64-yard touchdown pass in the 2004 state championship game against Jacksonville Trinity Christian . . . Had a 60-yard touchdown run in the semifinal win over Glades Day School, a game in which he also stripped a kick returner of the ball returned it 30 yards for a score and returned a fumble 32 yards for a touchdown . . . Scored on a 36-yard run in the quarterfinal win over Evangel . . . Rushed for 80 yards in 13 carries in a 42-6 win over Frostproof . . . Had five carries for 62 yards and one score in a win over Lakeland Santa Fe Catholic . . . Collected 107 yards rushing on only one half in a win over Mulberry . . . Had 150 yards rushing in the 2003 Kickoff Classic win over Haines City.

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The Terriers plan to practice during the week and scrimmage on Saturday mornings.

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Wofford football holds 95 minute scrimmage

March 11, 2006

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford football team went through a 95-minute intrasquad scrimmage Saturday afternoon at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers ran 70 offensive plays with quarterback Ben Widmyer accounting for all four touchdowns. Widmyer, who backed up starter Josh Collier in 2005, scored on two short

runs as well as a long run in excess of 50 yards. Widmyer also threw a 70-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Jimbo Robinson.

“We ran the ball hard and we made some plays,” said offensive coordinator Wade Lang.

Tight end Fenn Allen was also impressive in the scrimmage, making several catches in heavy traffic over the middle.

“Fenn’s as good a tight end as we’ve had in a long time,” said Lang. “We’re trying to find ways to get him the ball.”

Cornerback Rashad Vance had an interception and a key pass breakup on a fourth down play while linebacker Justin Franklin caught the eye of defensive coordinator Nate Woody.

“There were times where Justin reached a level where we think he can play,” said Woody. “Rashad had a couple of breaks on the ball that were the kind of plays that can help turn a game for us.”

The Terriers are scheduled to scrimmage again on Saturday, March 18.

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Wofford Announces Change to 2006 Football Schedule

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College has announced a change in its 2006 football schedule. The Terriers were originally scheduled to host South Carolina State on Saturday, Sept. 23 in Spartanburg. That game will be moved to Saturday, Sept. 2 and will remain at Gibbs Stadium. The change will provide the Terriers with an open date prior to their first Southern Conference game of the year against Furman on Sept. 30.

2006 Wofford Football Schedule

Sept. 2	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
Sept. 9	COASTAL CAROLINA
Sept. 16	at South Carolina
Sept. 23	OPEN
Sept. 30	FURMAN
Oct. 7	THE CITADEL (HC)
Oct. 14	at Appalachian State
Oct. 21	at Elon
Oct. 28	WESTERN CAROLINA
Nov. 4	at Georgia Southern
Nov. 11	CHATTANOOGA
Nov. 18	at Gardner-Webb

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Wofford to hold final spring football scrimmage

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford football team will hold its final scrimmage of the spring season on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at Gibbs Stadium. The squad will also go through a regular practice session at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24.

The Terriers will have utilized 13 of the available 15 spring practice dates. Head coach Mike Ayers and his staff have not yet determined how best to utilize the two remaining sessions.

Ayers has just one goal for Saturday's scrimmage: "Come out healthy."

Wofford will open the 2006 football season when it hosts South Carolina State on Saturday, September 2.

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SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford football team went through its final scrimmage of the spring season on Saturday morning. Head coach Mike Ayers put the Terriers through a one hour and 22 minute workout inside of Gibbs Stadium.

Ayers was pleased with the team's performance on Saturday.

"I don't think we're ready for prime time but we're getting better," said Ayers. "We have a lot of young kids that we put into some tough situations. I like the way we came out and got after each other."

The Wofford offense rushed for one touchdown and threw three scoring passes. Halfback Dane Romero scored on a 64-yard run on the third offensive series of the controlled scrimmage. Quarterback Josh Collier followed with a 60-yard scoring pass to Andy Strickland.

The Terrier offense stalled near midfield giving the placekickers an opportunity to try some long field goals. Patrick Mugin was successful on a pair of 47 yard attempts and Chris Tommie also connected from 47 yards out.

The offense added two more passing touchdowns. Romero threw a 23-yard halfback pass to Tripp Smith while Collier added his second scoring toss, a 19-yarder to tight end Fenn Allen.


The defense scored once when cornerback Brian Kemp intercepted a pass and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown.

Wofford has two more practice opportunities remaining from its allotment of 15 sessions. The Terriers will most likely utilize those practices this week.

Ayers believes that the spring season has been a success.

"Our kids were fired up. They gave a great effort throughout the spring. We had some tough weather but they came out and got after it."

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Antoine joins Wofford football coaching staff May 9, 2006

Wofford head football coach Mike Ayers has named Ron Antoine as the Terriers' running backs coach. Antoine replaces Freddie Brown who resigned last month to become the head football coach at Woodruff High School.

Antoine joins the Terrier program after spending the 2005 season coaching the wide receivers at Elon University. He has also coached at Ohio University and Fayetteville State.

A former wide receiver at Colorado State, Antoine was recruited by Earle Bruce and played his four years under the direction of Sonny Lubick. The wide receiver coach at CSU during Antoine's tenure was Urban Meyer, currently the head coach at the University of Florida.

While with the Rams, Antoine earned honorable mention All-Western Athletic Conference honors and was CSU's Receiver of the Year in 1996. He helped Colorado State win two WAC championships and advance to the Holiday Bowl in both 1994 and '95. Antoine also received the Rams' Ironman Award for not missing a single practice or game. A dean's list student, Antoine graduated from CSU in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science. He earned a master's degree in higher education (educational administration).

A native of Beaumont, Texas, Antoine was a wide receiver at Westbrook Senior High School where he was named to the Super Goal Team and earned second team all-district honors.

Following his graduation from CSU, Antoine remained in Fort Collins as a student assistant coach in 1997 before becoming a graduate assistant coach at Ohio in 1998 and '99. He became the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Fayetteville State for two seasons before returning to Ohio for a four-year stint as the wide receivers coach and academic coordinator from 2001-04.

Last year, Antoine mentored Michael Mayers, Elon's top wide receiver, who led the Southern Conference in receiving yards per game and was second in the conference in receptions per game. At FSU, Antoine helped wide receiver Andregus Holmes earn second team All-CIAA honors in 1999. At Ohio, he supervised wide receiver Scott Mayle who led the Bobcats in all-purpose yards in 2003 and '04.

Antoine is married to Zenarae Antoine, an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Louisville. Zenarae played her college basketball at Colorado State and has served as an assistant coach at Ohio University and the College of Charleston.



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